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**Question of Single or Double Statehood.**

Washington, D. C., Oct. 15.—A determined effort will be made during the coming session of congress to secure statehood for the Territory of Oklahoma. Plans are already being laid to accomplish this, with fair prospects of success. The movement received its first impetus when the platform of the republican and democratic parties were adopted by the national conventions. Both platforms contain specific declarations in favor of the early admission of the Territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma to statehood. This declaration was inserted in both platforms at the solicitation of the same men in the three territories above referred to. The object of this was to commit both parties in favor of the proposition, so that there would be no opposition from either party in congress next winter when the bills for the admission of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona come up for consideration.

Of the three bills now pending before congress the one providing statehood for the Territory of Oklahoma has by far the best chances of becoming a law. It is one of the pet measures of Delegate Dennis T. Flynn, the vigilant and popular young representative from Oklahoma. Since the passage of the Free Homes Bill at the last session of congress—a measure introduced and championed by Mr. Flynn—the Oklahoma has concentrated his efforts on his other pet measure, providing statehood for his Territory. In this Mr. Flynn has a double motive. First, he believes that Oklahoma is clearly entitled to statehood, possessing far more than the requisite number of population, and a citizenship the equal in point of intelligence, energy and thrift of almost any of the Western states; and secondly because the admission of Oklahoma into the union will carry with it the lion's share in the United States senate, as his election to the latter place in the event he is able to secure statehood for the Territory seems to be an assured fact.

The most serious obstacle in the way of the successful passage of the Oklahoma bill is the divided opinion of public sentiment with relation to the question of how the territory should be admitted into the union as a state. Upon this question opinion, both in congress and in Oklahoma, is divided. Some advocate the admission of Oklahoma as it now exists, while others feel that Oklahoma and Indian Territories should be consolidated. This latter proposition has far more favor among the members of the house than the former, particularly among the members of the Committee on Territories of the house and senate. It is insisted by many that Oklahoma with its present limited territory would be entirely out of proportion in size to the other western states, but by including the Indian Territory it would not only have an

adequate population but an adequate area. It is also pointed out that Oklahoma Territory is solely an agricultural country, while the Indian Territory possesses valuable coal and mineral deposits which would give a state a diversity of interests which would not render the people wholly dependent upon a single pursuit.

But another consideration is the question of the ability of the people to support independent state governments in the two territories. It is believed by those who have made a study of this question that separate states would impose burdensome taxation upon the citizens, far beyond that of almost any other state in the union. In years when crops were poor in Oklahoma it would be exceedingly difficult for the people to meet the taxes imposed upon them. With the two territories consolidated the taxes would be distributed among a much larger population with a greater number of industries to share in the expense of the government.

In opposition to the proposition of the admission of the two territories into the union as one state, it is being that the Indian Territory, at present, is not in a condition for state government. The tribal forms of government are still in existence and will continue, under treaty stipulations, for several years to come, and until the terms of those governments expire it would be impossible to extend statehood to the Indian Territory.

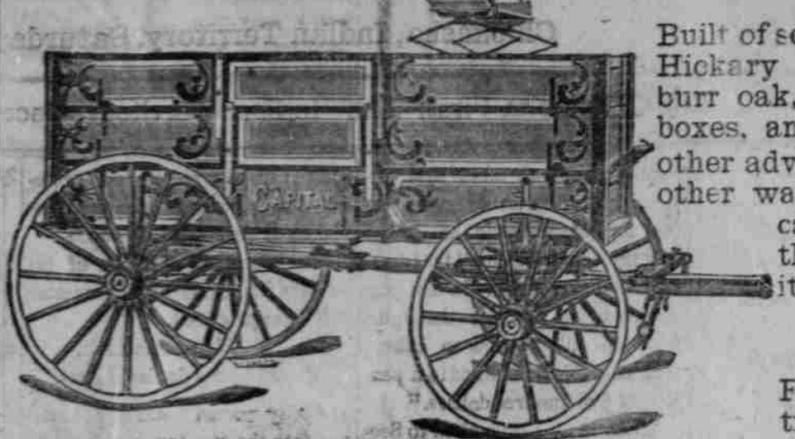
The advocates of this proposition however, have come forward with a solution which, it is believed, will meet all the requirements of the case. They propose the immediate admission of Oklahoma with a provision providing for the absorption of the Indian Territory as fast as the tribal forms of government become extinct. This suggestion seems to meet with general favor and from present indications it will be the line along which Delegate Flynn and others will conduct their fight with apparently bright prospects of success.

In the event of the passage of such a bill at the coming session of congress nothing will be done with the bills now pending in the house and senate providing a territorial form of government for the Indian Territory. Bills of this character were introduced in the house and senate last winter and strong efforts made to secure favorable reports from the committees on Territories of the house and senate, but when congress adjourned nothing had been done. The principal reason for this was a desire on the part of the members of the committee to wait until some decision was reached on the bill providing statehood for Oklahoma, which, it was expected, would include some provision for the Indian Territory.

The new veils are very clear and have quite small spots, not too closely set. Fine white and flesh pink tulle is strewn with small black spots, and the all-white veilings are exceedingly thin and the spots small. They are still tied beneath the chin, the old fashion of wearing them only to the lips not having found many admirers. On tapers the veil is cut only to the required length and not turned in at all, so as to be barely noticeable over the hair.—Washington Star.

**Stewed Veal.**  
 Heat one tablespoonful of butter, fry in it a table-spoonful of chopped onion until a golden brown, add a pound of lean veal cut into inch pieces, season with salt and paprika, add a table-spoonful of flour and stir until slightly browned; then add one cupful of good stock, cover closely and let simmer for one hour. Add one cupful of diced raw potato, cook 20 minutes and serve.—Good Housekeeping.

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